



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

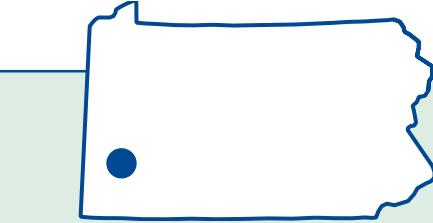
Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Until the 1970s, the economy of Allegheny County (population 1,282,000) relied on heavy industry and raw materials management operations. Its river corridors, along the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers, were lined with steelmaking operations and other industries that used the rivers and adjacent rail lines to transport raw materials and finished products. The demise of these industries has left the county with many abandoned and underused properties and declining populations and incomes. More than



Revolving Loan Fund Grant

\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority will provide loans to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Grant funds will be used entirely to fund qualified loans.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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2,000 acres of brownfields have been catalogued thus far. The unemployment rate in communities with brownfields is as high as 15 percent, and overall, the area's poverty rate is three times the national average. More than 45 percent of residents in the heavily impacted former industrial communities are minorities. Cleanup of the county's brownfields is expected to spur investment in impacted communities, help address environmental justice issues, and create jobs accessible to low- and middle-income families.